Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee:

Any additional infringement on our Second Amendment rights only goes to hurt law abiding citizens and do nothing to punish the criminals who choose not to follow our laws.

Laws attempting to ban or limit "Ghost guns" or "Others" only really effects legal gun owners who already have a difficult time navigating and interpreting Connecticut's difficult gun laws while trying to enjoy sporting and hunting. These laws if enacted could potentially put a law-abiding citizen who previously bought a "legal" weapon and if they are not proactive could turn them into a criminal, just for owning a once legal weapon.

Please do not make it any harder to enjoy the shooting sports I have grown up with, Connecticut laws already make it illegal to own the type of rifle I enjoyed shooting on the US Navy shooting team, and qualified expert on. Even after 22 years of Naval service I cannot purchase the very basic rifle to shoot this type of match I once enjoyed.

Instead let's focus on additional resources for law enforcement to help our citizens, help reduce unnecessary taxation of the middle and lower class, help lower rising utility costs, and focus on our infrastructure.

OPPOSE Senate Bill 16. Add to that House Bill 5416. What you CAN do is SUPPORT Senate Bill 388, House Bill 5415 and House Bill 5412.

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